

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 23, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:45 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

William Dodd, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Deborah Brown RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

Mary Dowd Struck, RN, CNM

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth James, RN, Complaint Unit

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:45 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF December 12, 2005

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

· Ms. Smith made note of an article in the Providence Journal on Sunday January 22, 2006 regarding the nursing faculty shortage (information only).

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

REPORT

- **Mr. Alexandre reminded the board that Jean Marie Rocha resigned her position as Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education effective January 20, 2006 and took a position with the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. Mr. Alexandre will be the interim contact person until the position is filled.**
- **The board reviewed the Annual Report of Board activities. The report will be forwarded to the Director of Health and placed on the board web page.**

BUSINESS

- **The proposed NCLEX test plan for 2007 has been drafted and the board was encouraged to go review and provide comments back to the Education Committee of the National Council of State Boards of Nurses.**
- **Mr. Alexandre presented an inquiry from the College of Nursing, University of Rhode Island regarding the use of students in the Master's program education track to supervise clinical groups of undergraduate students. The board has requested additional information from the University, specifically the board has asked for a proposal that clearly identifies the role of the graduate student.**
- **Mr. Alexandre asked the board to reconsider the use of a maximum number of times an applicant for licensure can sit for the examination. This will be placed on a future agenda.**

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:30am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 1:07 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Sweeney, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

- RN 05-013 Suspend registered nurse license
- RN 04-033 Reprimand
- RN 05-053 Probation, 3 years, treatment
- RN 05-115 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern
- RN 05-137 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern
- RN 04-089 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern
- RN 05-130 No Unprofessional Conduct
- PN 05-116 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern
- RN 05-093 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern
- RN 05-034 Ratified Consent Order, Reinstate, Probation 1 year
- RN 05-080 Board Order to Suspend
- RN 03-095 Board Order to Suspend
- RN 05-090 Denial of registered nurse license

The Board unanimously voted to grant licenses to the following applicants:

- Richard Bedard, RN
- Falashade Adewuyi, RN
- Tiffany Danielle Jackson, RN
- Cindy Bowman, RN

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Smith, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cristiana Rosa, Secretary